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OTLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health,

For the Year Ending December 31st, 1925.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my report on the health of Otley for the year 1925. The population of the town shows a slight decrease.

I give below the Registrar General's returns for the last 3 years: –

1925, 9,605. 1924, 9,681. 1923, 9,645.

In my last report I referred to the splendid service of Buses to all the neighbouring parishes, towns and cities. This has been maintained and improved upon both in quality and quantity of the service.

During the year the trade of the town has been steady and regular. There have been no expansions or new industries. There is still a keen demand for houses especially in the Newall area. One can understand why people are anxious to obtain a house in this area, as it is admitted to be one of the finest housing schemes in Yorkshire. I remarked in my last year's report that the first scheme, viz. 214 houses were occupied, and the supplemental scheme of 122 houses of a far

superior quality which were just commencing to be built are now about finished and occupied. The pleasure grounds. tennis courts, bowling greens, baths and boating at Wharfe-meadows are a great asset to the town. If the Council still continue to keep the rates at a reasonable amount it will be a great stimulus for residental people to come into the district. The area of the Otley district is now 2,950 acres.

The health of the town during the year has been good.

I wish to thank the Council for their courtesy, and Mr. Davies for his assiduous services.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. BENNETT,

Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS,

Birth Rate.

The total Births registered numbered 190, viz., 86 males and 104 females. This shows a decrease of 6 during the year.

Included in the above are 14 illegitimate children, viz :— 6 males and 8 females.

The Birth Rate for the year is 19·7 per 1,090 per annum.

The Birth Rate for England and Wales is 18·3 per 1,000 per annum.

Table Showing Birth Rate for last Seven Years.

1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920	1919
19·7	20	17	17	18	19	12

Death Rate.

The Total Deaths registered - -	143
Deaths registered in Otley and transferred to other Districts - - -	28
Deaths occurring outside and transferred to this District - - -	22
Actual number of Deaths belonging to the District - - - -	137

The 137 Deaths consist of 77 males and 60 females, giving a Death Rate of 14·2 per 1,000 per annum.

The Death Rate for England and Wales is 12·2 per 1,000 per annum.

Table Showing Death Rate for last Seven Years.

1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920	1919
14·2	14	14	13	13·8	11·7	16

Table Showing Causes of Death.

	Males.	*Females.*
Measles - - -	2	1
Whooping Cough - -	—	1
Influenza - - -	1	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis - -	5	3
Other Tuberclosis Diseases -	3	5
Cancer Malignant Diseases -	14	6
Diabetes - - -	—	1
Cerebral Hæmorrhage - -	10	5
Heart Disease - - -	7	3
Arterio Sclerosis - -	3	3
Bronchitis - - -	4	8
Pneumonia (all forms) - -	6	2
Other Respiratory Diseases -	2	—
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum -	3	2
Acute and Chronic Nephritis -	2	2
Diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition	—	1
Congenital Debility and Malformation, and Premature Birth - -	2	2
Other Deaths from Violence -	2	1
Other Defined Diseases - -	10	13
Causes Ill-defined or Unknown -	1	—
Total - -	77	60

Infantile Mortality.

The total number of Deaths under one year is 14, viz., 6 males and 8 females, giving a rate of 73 per 1,000 per annum.

Table Showing Infantile Death Rate for last Seven Years.

1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920	1919
73	76	84	72	76	68	118

The Infantile Death Rate for England and Wales is 75 per 1,000 per annum.

Table Showing Causes of Death.

Spina Bifida - - -	1
Laryngismus Stridulus - -	1
Measles - - - -	2
Acute Miliary Tuberculosis -	2
Congenital Syphilis - -	1
Convulsions - - -	1
Marasmus - - -	2
Steptococcal Dermatitis - -	1
Cerebral Hæmorrhage - -	1
Ill-defined - - - -	2
	14

Now that the Infantile Welfare scheme is in full swing and doing such good work, and the Parental portion of the work fully organized, I shall look forward to reduction in the deaths in the early infantile life and a reduction in the sick rate amongst children in the summer and autumn.

Infectious Diseases Notified.

Scarlet Fever - - -	8
Diphtheria - - - -	6
Opthalmia Neonatorum - -	7
Eyrsipelas - - - -	3
Chicken Pox - - -	12
Pneumonia - - - -	38
	74

Cases of Infectious Diseases treated in Hospital.

Scarlet Fever - - -	8
Diphtheria - - - -	6
Erysipelas - - - -	1
	15

Table Showing number of Infectious Diseases notified during the last Seven Years.

1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1926	1919
74	147	46	58	106	40	81

You will see by the above Table of Notified Infectious Diseases that the number of notifications amount to half the number for 1924.

Owing to the prevalence of general sickness amongst the scholars the following Schools were closed during the year :—

North Parade (Infant School), Feb. 27th to March 23rd -	Measles & Influenza Colds.
Westgate (Infant School), April 1st to May 4th - -	Measles & Influenza Colds.
National (Infant School), April 3rd to May 4th - -	Measles & Influenza Colds.
St. Joseph's (Infant School), April 3rd to April 20th -	Measles & Influenza Colds.
National (Infant School), Nov. 29th to Jany. 6th, 1926,	Whooping Cough.
North Parade (Infant School), Dec. 7th to Jany. 6th, 1926,	Whooping Cough.

Table Showing Number of Tubercular Diseases Notified.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis . .	14
Other Forms of Tuberculosis . .	12
	26

Table Showing Number of Cases of Tubercular Diseases Notified during the last Seven Years.

	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920	1919
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	14	11	13	7	15	9	20
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	12	6	2	2	5	—	3
	26	17	15	9	20	9	23

SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS OF THE DISTRICT.

Water Supply is excellent both in quality and quantity. We have ample storage capacity, and this has enabled us to deal with the disposal of sewage by the water-carriage system. Very few neighbouring towns have been so well provided. With the exception of 24 privies the whole town is now

provided with w.c.'s. I have struggled for many years to bring about this Sanitary improvement. For over 20 years I endeavoured to bring about the Orchard and Carlton Streets improvement, and now that it is completed, it has beautified the district and enhanced the property in value, and the occupiers appreciate the alterations very much. Sixty-four families reap the benefits. Privy middens and ashpits, poultry and rabbit huts were demolished, and 64 w.c.'s erected on improved sites. The making of a 9 feet wide street, macadamed surface, and garden walks for 32 houses. Previously it was an eye-sore and disgrace to the district where good houses had been built.

During the year many nuisances were remedied with very little friction as you will see by the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

The collection and disposal of Household Refuse is done by a Motor service, and this is carried out admirably under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector. It is well worthy of the attention of neighbouring Sanitary Authorities on account of its rapidity, cleanly method, and cost.

On account of outbreaks of Smallpox in Yorkshire we have kept a keen outlook and hand-bills were issued. We have but one Common Lodging House giving accommodation to 75 lodgers. This is well managed and kept scrupulously clean.

Cowsheds and Diaries.

During the year many visits and inspections were made. Two Cowsheds closed for Dairy purposes and 5 provided with more light and ventilation. I mean to give more attention to the Milk question, and my inspector has taken a special course at Leeds University on the Production of Clean Milk.

Slaughter-Houses & Meat Inspection.

I have written many reports on the unsuitability of our Slaughter Houses, but before another report is written I hope the Public one will be built and in full working order. After the Ministry gave their consent to the scheme, we set to and got out plans, &c., and advertised for tenders, and they are now let. This will be another Sanitary improvement which I have been struggling for for many years.

Housing & Town Planning.

During the year 41 houses were condemned as totally unfit for habitation. One owner came to an agreement with the Council to close down, and demolish, and to convert the front houses into shops (lock-up). The remaining 24 have been scheduled and will be dealt with in due time. Other 2 houses have been closed for habitation. I would draw the attention of the Council to the excellent report of the Sanitary Inspector giving a full account of the work done during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. BENNETT,

Medical Officer of Health.

Report of the Sanitary & Meat Inspector & Cleansing Superintendent

For the Year Ending December 31st, 1925.

To the Chairman and Members ef the Otley Urban District Council.

COUNCIL OFFICES, OTLEY,
July, 1926.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit for your information and consideration my Tenth Annual Report as your Sanitary Inspector, giving details of the work carried out in your Health Department during the twelve months ending Dec. 31st, 1925.

Good progress has been made during 1925, particularly with regard to privy conversions, general improvement to dwelling houses, and completion of Orchard Street and Carlton Street Improvement Scheme.

A total of 177 water-closets have been provided in connection with existing property. Of this number 86 are the result of conversions from privies, and 91 are the result of new structures. The Council have assisted property owners during the year to the extent of £571 7s. 6d. for the conversion of 127 privies under the voluntary scheme, and the total Council's assistance granted up to date for this important Sanitary improvement, since the inauguration of the voluntary scheme, is £1524 13s. 0d. for the conversion of 339 privies.

At the close of the year there were still 24 privies connected to dwelling houses which are not provided with water-closets, and which are situated within a reasonable distance of a sewer, yet to convert.

Table Showing Number of Conversions to Water-Closets and the erection of New Water-closets in connection with existing Buildings during the last Five Years.

Year	Privy Ashpits to W.C..s	Privy Middens to W.C.'s	New Inside W.C.'s erected	New Outside W.C.'s erected	Privy Ashpits dismantled or demolished	Privy Middens dismantled or demolished
1925	81	5	28	63	66	20
1924	141	4	55	40	76	10
1923	104	2	17	5	11	2
1922	48	8	15	12	10	8
1921	12	12	5	3	7	4
	386	31	120	123	170	44

At last I am able to report upon the completion of the Orchard Street and Carlton Street Improvement. The scheme was finished during the early part of the year, and there is little doubt that the people living in this neighbourhood, particularly the sixty-four families residing in Orchard Street and Carlton Street, will appreciate the improvement. The works involved in this improvement were:—The demolition of sixty-four insanitary and obstructive sanitary conveniences, viz., 13 privy midden, 30 privy ashpits, and 21 water closets, together with several poultry and rabbit huts, &c. The erection of 64 water closets on improved sites, viz., in front and abutting each respective house, together with drains and 16 manholes and the provision of 60 ashbins. The levelling and making of a 9 feet wide street with macadam surface, and the erection of dwarf garden walls to 32 houses.

The number of works carried out during the year for the abatement of nuisances and general improvement was 1198, and at the close of the year there were only 19 outstanding nuisances, whereas at the close of 1924 the outstanding nuisances numbered 120. These works carried out were connected to 509 distinct premises.

During the year a great deal of time has been devoted to the inspection of houses under the Housing and Town Planning Acts. The number of premises inspected and recorded being 231. A complete detailed record is given later in the Report.

Nuisances.

170 Informal Notices and 17 Statutory Notices were served requiring the abatement of nuisances in connection with 224

premises, and 202 Informal Notices and 57 Statutory Notices were complied with.

The number of nuisances reported was 246 and the number of nuisances not remedied at the close of 1924 was 120, which gives the total number of nuisances to be dealt with during the year 1925 at 366.

During the year 347 nuisances were abated (affecting 320 premises), and the number of nuisances outstanding at the close of 1925 was 19. These unabated nuisances affect 17 distinct premises.

As compared with 1924, the number of Informal Notices served shows a decrease of thirty-four, but there was an increase of four Statutory Notices served during the same period, and there were eighty-four less nuisances reported during 1925 as compared with 1924, but the number of nuisances show an increase of three over the number abated during 1924.

The large number of nuisances abated in compliance with both Informal and Statutory Notices served, has reduced the number from 120 outstanding nuisances at the close of 1924 to 19 at the close of 1925.

The total number of premises affected where nuisances were abated or Sanitary improvements were carried out voluntarily were 189. These nuisances or improvements were chiefly conversion of privies into water-closets, which were carried out under the Council Subsidy Scheme.

It is pleasing to report that only in two instances during the year was it necessary to resort to legal proceedings for the abatement of nuisances, and in both instances the case was proved and orders were made for the nuisances to be abated.

Table Showing Nuisance Inspection.

Inspections made for Nuisances only . . .			868
Nuisances reported during 1925 . . .			246
Nuisances in hand at the close of 1924 . .			120
Total Nuisances needing abatement . .			366
Nuisances abated during 1925 . . .			347
Nuisances outstanding at the close of 1925 . .			19
Informal Notices served .	170	Complied with	202
Statutory Notices served .	17	Complied with	57
Cases taken to Court			2

Summary of Inspections.

Houses thoroughly inspected when returning cases of Infectious Disease	25
Houses thoroughly inspected under Housing and Town Planning Acts	41
Houses and other premises partially inspected for alleged nuisances	149
Other inspections for locating nuisances	79
Visits made for the abatement of nuisances	706
Miscellaneous visits and enquiries	98
Appointments kept with Property Owners and Contractors, &c.	63
Visits for the purpose of Disinfection	38
Number of Rooms disinfected	130
Number of Schools disinfected	2
Visits to Slaughter Houses for the purpose of Meat Inspection	775
Factory and Workshop Inspections	79
Cowshed Inspections	74
Dairy and Milk Purveyors' Premises Inspections	66
Offensive Trade Inspections	11
Common Lodging House Inspections	6
Licensed Petroleum Store Inspections	20
Picture House Inspections	3
Refuse Tip Inspections	6
Cattle Market and Cattle Auction Mart Inspections	38
Market Inspections	38
District Inspections	44
Smoke observations	1
Issue of Black Smoke detected	1
Drains tested	15
Visits paid during the progress of Household Refuse Removal	76
Slaughter House Inspections	Weekly
School Inspections	4
Meetings attended	52

Table Showing Works carried out for the Abatement of Nuisances.

Privy Ashpits converted to Water Closets	81
Privy Middens converted to Water Closets	5
New Inside Water Closets erected	28
New Outside Water Closets erected	63
Disused and defective Outside W.C.'s dismantled	3

Obstructive Outside Water Closets demolished and re-built on other sites	20
Privy Ashpits dismantled	26
Privy Ashpits demolished	40
Privy Middens dismantled	3
Privy Middens demolished	17
Closet Structures altered or repaired	55
Insanitary Middens demolished	21
New Drains laid	169
Drains re-laid	28
Drains repaired	12
Disused Drains cut off and sealed	14
Soil and Ventilating Shafts fixed	27
Drain Ventilating Shafts fixed or repaired	3
Water Closet Fittings repaired or renewed	27
Inspection Chambers built	34
New C. I. Manhole Covers fixed	2
Ashbins provided	277
Stoppages removed from Drains	21
Waste Pipes disconnected from Outfall	20
Sink Waste Pipes trapped, renewed, repaired, or altered	35
Areas built	3
New Urinals erected	2
New Baths fixed	2
New Lavatory Basins fixed	2
New Sinks fixed	3
Sewers repaired	1
Pollutions of Water Courses abated	2
Yards cleansed	3
Eavespouts and Fallpipes renewed or repaired	40
House Floors repaired or renewed	4
House Roofs repaired	4
House Windows repaired or renewed	3
House provided with improved light and ventilation	1
Houses provided with improved Water Supply	6
Houses thoroughly cleansed	13
Houses cured from flooding	18
Sett-pans repaired or renewed	4
Overcrowding of Houses remedied	2
Accumulation of Refuse and Manure removed	11
Discontinued keeping Pigs as to be a nuisance	3
Discontinued keeping Rabbits and Poultry as to be a nuisance	2

Insanitary Cowsheds closed for Dairy purposes .	2
Cowsheds provided with improved light & ventilation	5
New Covered Manure Pit built . . .	1
Bakehouse cleansed and limewashed . . .	1
Factory Chimney raised	1
Miscellaneous	28
Total . .	1,198

Household Refuse Removal and Disposal.

The collection and disposal of household refuse has again been successfully carried out, and the improved service which was set up at the latter part of 1921, when the change from horse transport to motor transport took place, has been fully maintained, in spite of the large numbers of houses which have been erected in the district during the last few years. During the twelve months in review there has been 30 separate collections in the district, or about one collection every twelve days, and there has been a weekly collection in the centre of the town. The "Pagefield" Lorry continues to give satisfaction. In consequence of the change from privies to water closets and the provision of ashbins, there has been a decided change in the weight of refuse collected in the year 1925, the estimated weight of refuse collected was 3,364 tons, whereas in the year 1924 the estimated weight was 4,171 tons.

Refuse Collected and Disposed of during 1925.

	Tons.
Number of "Pagefield" Motor Loads –1,285 at $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons,	$3,212\frac{1}{2}$
Number of "Vulcan" Motor Loads—65 at $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons -	$87\frac{1}{2}$
Number of Horse Cart Loads –85 at $\frac{3}{4}$ ton - -	64
	3,364

Summary Showing Cost of Collection and Disposal.

	£	s.	d.
Capital and Interest on "Pagefield" Lorry .	244	2	9
Wages	829	12	10
New Sleepers for Road on Tip . .	6	15	0
Petrol	75	1	8
Oils	12	7	0
Tools and Repairs	35	5	3
Licence	36	0	0
Insurance	8	6	5
Clothing for Refuse Men . . .	4	7	0
Rates	22	1	3

Loan of "Vulcan" Lorry and Men from the Highways Department, 13 days at £2 .	26	0	0
Part Cost of Horse Account and Man, 17 days at 18/-	15	6	0
	£1,315	5	2
Less Cost of Emptying 79 Cesspools with "Pagefield" Lorry , . .	52	0	0
	£1,263	5	2

Total Cost of refuse collection and disposal equals about 7/6 per ton or about $5\frac{1}{4}$d. rate.

Table Showing Existing Sanitary Conveniences.

Water Closets	2,481
Syphon Closets	119
Tippler Waste Closets . . .	80
Pail Closets	48
Privy Ashpits	193
Privy Middens	43

Ashes Accommodation.

In addition to the 193 Privy Ashpits and 43 Privy Middens, there are about :—

122 Middens.	37 Boxes.
5 Sunken Ashpits.	1,959 Ashbins.

Cleansing of Public Urinals and Private Gullies.

This work has been satisfactorily carried out during the year.

Collection of Fish Offals.

Avisit on three days per week is made for the collection of fishoffals, for which a small charge is made. This service has proved a boon to the several fish friers in the the town, especially during the summer months.

Notifiable Diseases and Disinfection.

There has been 100 cases of disease notified during the year, which is a decrease of 64 as compared with last year, viz :— 8 Scarlet Fever, 6 Diphtheria, 7 Ophthalmia Monotorum, 3 Erysipelas, 12 Chicken Pox, 38 Pneumonia, 14 Pulmonary

Tuberculosis, and 12 other forms of Tuberculosis. The 8 cases of Scarlet Fever, 6 Diphtheria, and 1 Erysipelas were removed and treated in the Isolation Hospital.

A total of 130 rooms were disinfected when returning cases of infectious diseases, and two schools were disinfected.

Offensive Trades.

Bye-laws for the Regulation of the following Trades are in force within the district, viz :—The trades of Blood Boiler, Blood Drier, Bone Boiler, Fellmonger, Tanner, Leather Dresser, Soap Boiler, Tallow Melter, Fat Melter or Fat Extractor, Tripe Boiler, Glue Melter, Size Maker and Gut Scraper. The number of such Offensive Trades registered in the district is five, viz:—

3 Fellmongers.
2 Fat Extractors, Bone Boiler and Knackers.

Several visits have been made to these respective premises during the year without meeting any serious defects.

Common Lodging House.

There is still only one Common Lodging House registered in the district, the premises are provided with 69 beds, giving accommodation for 75 lodgers. I make frequent visits of inspection, and the premises appear to be kept satisfactory, and are certainly well managed.

Cowsheds and Dairies.

The number of Cowkeepers registered in the district is 19, which is 3 less than the previous year, and 9 of these are also registered as Purveyors of Milk. In additions, there are also 18 registered Purveyors of Milk, which is an increase of one as compared with the previous year. Therefore, there is a total of 19 Registered Cowkeepers and 27 Registered Purveyors of Milk. The 19 Cowkeepers occupy 30 Mistals, with accommodation for 319 cattle.

One of the above Registered Purveyors of Milk is licensed to retail Grade " A " Milk within the Urban District of Otley, his premises being situated at Arthington, outside the Urban District.

During the year 2 Cowsheds were closed for Dairy purposes, owing to insanitary condition, and 5 Cowsheds were provided with improved light and ventilation, and 140 visits of inspection were made.

Slaughter-Houses and Meat, &c., Inspection.

The number of Slaughter-houses situate within the district is the same as last year, viz :—Ten. Two of the premises are registered, and the other eight are licensed. All of which are situated in unsuitable places, and the majority are anything but suitable for the slaughter and dressing of food animals.

There is a chance, however, that before another report is written, Public Slaughter-houses will be established in your district, and as no time has been lost with the building since the Ministry of Health gave their approval to the scheme, which was first submitted during the year 1924. The scheme, when completed, will no doubt be an important sanitary improvement, for besides providing buildings for the slaughtering of cattle under hygienic conditions, it will centralize the work so that the inspection of meat can be more satisfactorily carried out.

The total number of visits made during the year, for the purpose of inspecting meat, was 775. You will probably realise the amount of time, by the forgoing number of visits, that is devoted to the work. As far as possible I try and inspect every animal that is slaughtered for human food.

The amount of food condemned and destroyed during the year as being unfit for human consumption was 3,874 lbs., which is an increase of 2,236 lbs. as compared with the previous year.

Table Showing Class and Condition of Food Condemned and Destroyed.

January 1st—Carcase and Offals of Heifer—Advanced Tuberculosis - - -	610 lbs.
March 17th—Carcase and Offals of Heifer—Advanced Tuberculosis - - -	490 ,,
April 1st—Carcase and Offals of Calf—Badly Bruised and Fevered - -	35 ,,
May 4th—Beasts Liver—Cirrhosis, due to Fluke	10 ,,
June 1st—Carcase and Offals of Cow—Badly Fevered, due to difficulty in calving -	400 ,,
June 2nd—Beasts Liver—Cirrhosis due to Flukes	12 ,,
,, 2nd—Beasts Liver—Abscesses - - -	12 ,,
,, 30th—Fore-quarter of Beef, Lungs, &c.—Localised Tuberculosis - - -	149 ,,
,, 30th—Beasts Liver Cirrhosis, due to Flukes	12 ,,
July 7th—Carcase and Offals of Cow—Advanced Tuberculosis - - -	736 ,,

July 9th—Tinned Fruits—Decomposition - -	63	,,
August 12th—Fore-quarter of Beef, Lungs, &c.— Lecalised Tuberculosis - - -	190	,,
September 9th—Two Fore-quarters of Beef, Lungs, &c.—Localised Tuberculoeis	264	,,
,, 28th—Carcase & Offals of Heifer— Advanced Tuberculosis - - -	630	,,
,, 28th—Two Beasts Livers—Cirrhosis, due to Flukes - - - - -	22	,,
October 5th—Beasts Liver—Cirrhosis, due to Flukes	10	,,
,, 5th—Beasts Liver—Cirrhosis, due to Flukes	10	,,
,, 27th—Beasts Liver—Cirrhosis, due to Flukes	10	,,
November 16th—Beasts Liver—Abscesses - -	12	,,
,, 23rd—Two Beasts Livers—Cirrhosis, due to Flukes - - - - -	22	,,
December 14th—Carcase and Offals of Pigs— Advanced Tuberculosis - - -	175	,,
Total	3,874	lbs.

Petroleum Acts.

The number of premises licensed under the Petroleum Acts is 20, which is the same number as last year. Three are licensed for the storage of Calcium Carbide only, seven for the storage of Petroleum only, whereas the other ten are licensed for the storage of both Petroleum and Calcium Carbide. The whole of the licenses cover the storing of 42,620 gallons of Petroleum and 1,625 lbs. of Calcium Carbide. I have made 20 visits of inspection to these licensed premises without meeting with any breach against the Acts.

Workshops.

The number of workshops situate within the district is 126, which is a decrease of one as compared with last year, and during the year I have made 79 visits of inspection including visits to factories. On several occasions I have had to complain of defects, but generally the defects were attended to forthwith. The following is a list of defects remedied and improvements carried out in connection with Workshops and Factories :—

New Outside Water Closets erected -	3
Drain Ventilating Shaft repaired -	1
New Water Closet Pedestal fixed -	1
New Drains laid - - - -	4

Drains repaired - - - - -	1
C. 1. Manhole Cover provided - -	1
New Lavatory Basins fixed - -	1
Stoppages removed from Drains - -	3
Fallpipes repaired - - - -	2
Bakehouse cleansed and limewashed -	1
Factory Chimney raised - - .	1
Yard cleansed - - - - -	1
Discontinued burning paper in boiler fire	1
	21

List of Trades Represented.

Bakers and Confectioners ...	24
Boot Repairers	18
Milliners	6
Dressmakers	4
Joiners and Undertakers ...	8
Tailors and Costumiers ...	11
Shoeing and General Smith ...	3
Cycle Repairers	4
Fellmongers and Curriers ...	3
Tinners	3
Electrical Engineers	3
Coach Builders	1
Photographers	2
Saddlers	2
Blouse Makers	1
Tallow Chandler	1
Rope and Cover Maker ...	1
Cloggers	2
Cabinet Makers, &c.	2
Whitesmiths	1
Monumental Masons	1
Wheelwrights	3
Sweet Boiler	1
Polisher and Upholsterer ...	1
Knackers	2
Plumbers	8
Motor Engineers	10
	126

Housing and Town Planning Acts.

The number of houses inspected and recorded under the above Acts total 231, and 190 of this number were houses showing minor defects, whereas the other 41 are houses which are totally unfit for habitation, due to serious structural defects, or they are situated so close and narrow that they are lacking in air, light, and ventilation. The 41 houses are situate in three small areas, viz:—Westgate area (5 houses), Leeds Road and Craven View area (19 houses), and Gay Lane and Peckett Hall area (17 houses). The owner of Gay Lane and Peckett Hall area has come to an agreement with the Council to close down and demolish the houses in Peckett Hall, and to convert the front houses in Gay Lane into lock-up shops, within a period of two years. Whereas the other 24 houses in Westgate area and Leeds Road and Craven View area have been scheduled as insanitary areas, and have not yet been disposed of.

The number of houses which are totally unfit for habitation and which have been reported on in previous years total 15, but 7 of this number are included in the 41 houses reported on during 1925. Therefore the total number of houses unfit for habitation and which have not been disposed of is 49.

List of Totally Unfit Houses which have not been Disposed of at the close of 1925.

25 Gay Lane—Closed for habitation, 1920—Tenanted as a Workshop.
49 Kirkgate—Closing Order issued Nov., 1921—Still tenanted.
59 ,, —Closed for habitation, November, 1922.
15 Sugar Street—Closed for habitation, October, 1925.
17 Sugar Street—Closed for habitation, October, 1925.
2 Lambert's Yard—Closing Order issued June, 1923—Still tenanted.
3 Lambert's Yard—Closed, May, 1925.
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67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, Gay Lane . .	Reported on December, 1925. Owner agreed to demolish Peckett Hall houses and convert Gay Lane houses into shops within 2 years.
3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Peckett Hall .	
16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 32, Leeds Road, and 3 ruinous houses adjoining 32, Leeds Road .	Reported, December, 1925. Declared an insanitary area, December, 1925.
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Craven View	

48, 50, 52, 54, 56, Westgate—Reported on December, 1925. Deelared an insanitary area, December, 1925.

The 190 houses recorded during the year, with minor defects, together with the 79 houses similarly affected, brought forward from the previous year gives a total number of houses to be dealt with under the Public Health Acts, at 269, Dnring the year 256 of these houses were remedied, leaving a balance at the end of the year of 13 houses yet to be dealt with.

The two houses, 15 and 17, Sugar Street, for which Closing Orders were issued in 1923, were closed for habitation during October,

Before concluding my report, I desire to express my thanks to the Members of the Council, the Medical Offlcer of Health, and other officials for their courtesy and support in the performance of my duties.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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